

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Roy Hollandsworth, on February 18, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary  
Micaela Kurth, Legislative Branch  
Robert Miller, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Committee Wrap-up

00:00:00 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:01:00 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:02:09 Micaela Kurth, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:02:56 Rob Miller, LFD  
00:03:49 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:03:58 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget Policy and Planning (OBPP)  
00:04:22 Micaela Kurth, LFD  
00:04:47 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:04:51 Micaela Kurth, LFD  
00:05:04 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:05:15 Micaela Kurth, LFD  
00:05:39 Sen. L. Jones  
00:05:47 Chair Hollandsworth

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA STATE LIBRARY**

00:05:52 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **RECONSIDER IT'S ACTION ON DECISION PACKAGE 525 AND DECISION PACKAGE 527 FROM FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015.**

**Discussion:**

00:07:02 Sen. Hamlett  
00:07:13 Sen. L. Jones  
00:07:57 Sen. Hamlett  
00:08:14 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library

00:08:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:08:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **ADOPT DECISION PACKAGE 525, DECISION PACKAGE 527 AND DECISION PACKAGE 550.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(jeh37a01)**

00:09:39 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **ADOPT NEW PACKAGE 100011- COAL SEVERANCE TAX REDUCTION OF (\$89,554) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND (\$96,751) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017.**

**Discussion:**

00:10:21 Sen. Hamlett  
00:10:25 Sen. L. Jones  
00:11:25 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:11:59 Sen. L. Jones  
00:13:03 Nancy Hall, OBPP

00:13:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL**

- 00:13:43     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **RECONSIDER DECISION PACKAGE 525 AND 527 AS ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:14:16     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **DECISION PACKAGE 525, DECISION PACKAGE 527, AND DECISION PACKAGE 550, THE MOTOR POOL RATES FOR THE MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL, BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- [EXHIBIT\(jeh37a02\)](#)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- 00:14:56     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION ON DECISION PACKAGE 525 AND DECISION PACKAGE 527 FROM FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:15:17     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **DECISION PACKAGE 525, DECISION PACKAGE 527, AND DECISION PACKAGE 550 FOR THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- [EXHIBIT\(jeh37a03\)](#)

- 00:16:05     Micaela Kurth, LFD
- 00:16:38     Sen. L. Jones
- 00:16:42     Micaela Kurth, LFD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

- 00:16:54     **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION ON DECISION PACKAGES 1106, 1205, 1605, 1805, AND 11206 AS ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015.**
- [EXHIBIT\(jeh37a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

- 00:17:33     Sen L. Jones
- 00:17:36     Micaela Kurth, LFD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

00:17:50     **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **CP 550 FOR THE SCHOOL OF THE DEAF AND BLIND- MOTOR POOL RATE ADJUSTMENT, BE ADOPTED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jeh37a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:18:10     Rob Miller, LFD

00:18:13     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

00:18:44     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **CP 550 FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
[EXHIBIT\(jeh37a06\)](#)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

00:19:23     **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **CP 550 IN PROGRAM 6, RESULTING IN A TOTAL REDUCTION OF (\$7,635) IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND (\$7,702) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017, AND CP 550 IN PROGRAM 9 RESULTING IN A (\$10) REDUCTION IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND FISCAL YEAR 2017 BE ADOPTED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jeh37a07\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:20:11     Rep. Woods

00:20:27     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:20:33     Sen. L. Jones

00:20:50     Chair Hollandsworth

00:20:55     Rep. D. Jones

00:21:00     Sen. L. Jones

00:21:04     Chair Hollandsworth

00:21:18     Sen. L. Jones

00:21:42     Rob Miller, LFD

00:21:58     Sen. L. Jones

00:22:03     Nick Brown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:22:30     Sen. L. Jones

00:22:58     Nick Brown, LFD

00:23:12     Sen. L. Jones

00:23:17     Nancy Hall, OBPP

00:23:56     Sen. L. Jones

00:24:34     Sen. E. Moore

00:24:57 Sen. L. Jones  
00:25:41 Sen. Hamlett  
00:26:00 Sen. L. Jones  
00:26:11 Sen. Hamlett  
00:26:25 Sen. L. Jones  
00:26:56 Sen. Hamlett  
00:27:12 Sen. L. Jones  
00:27:17 Nancy Hall, OBPP  
00:27:53 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:28:04 Rep. Woods  
00:28:13 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:28:19 Rep. D. Jones

00:28:32 Recess

00:35:55 Reconvened. Sen. Moore and Sen. Windy Boy did not return

00:36:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved to **RESCIND PREVIOUS ACTION ON CP 911 STATE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT WHICH PUT \$9,500,000 AS DISTRIBUTION IN FISCAL YEAR 2016.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:37:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **LANGUAGE BE ADDED TO HOUSE BILL 2 TO ALLOW FOR UP TO \$6,000,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED FROM THE STATE OIL AND GAS DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:37:57 Sen. L. Jones  
00:38:11 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:38:22 Sen. Windy Boy returned  
00:38:35 Sen. Hamlett

00:38:38 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **NP 912- ENCOURAGE INDIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION SCHOOL (RESTRICTED/BIENNIAL), GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN SB 272. THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO PROMOTE INNOVATIVE, CULTURALLY RELEVANT, INDIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS FOR INDIAN AND NON-INDIAN STUDENTS. THIS FUNDING IS CONTINGENT ON SB 272 BECOMING LAW.**

**EXHIBIT(jeh37a08)**

**Discussion:**

00:41:15 Sen. L. Jones  
00:42:03 Sen. Hamlett  
00:42:35 Chair Hollandsworth  
00:43:17 Sen. Windy Boy

00:43:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

00:44:13     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **NP 912 TO TAKE EFFECT IN 2017 CONTINGENT UPON SB 272 BECOMING LAW BE RECONSIDERED.** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(jeh37a09\)](#)

00:45:31     **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR THE BIENNIUM BE TAKEN OUT OF INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL.**

**Discussion:**

00:46:05     Sen. L. Jones

00:46:48     Sen. Hamlett

00:47:11     Chair Hollandsworth

00:47:18     Sen. Windy Boy

00:48:15     **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

00:48:21     Sen. Windy Boy

00:48:28     Chair Hollandsworth

00:49:13     Clayton Christian, Montana University System (MUS)

00:50:07     Chair Hollandsworth

00:50:36     Clayton Christian, MUS

00:51:17     Rep. Woods

00:52:23     Sen. Hamlett

00:52:42     Clayton Christian, MUS

00:53:38     Chair Hollandsworth

00:54:12     Clayton Christian, MUS

00:54:52     Sen. Hamlett

00:55:16     Rep. D. Jones

00:56:20     Clayton Christian, MUS

00:57:21     Chair Hollandsworth

00:57:35     Sen. L. Jones

00:57:46     Chair Hollandsworth

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:58:14

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Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jeh37aad.pdf](#))